

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Claims 1-18 (Cancelled)**

19. (New) A tool for attaching a pen needle assembly, which comprises a hub and needle cannula mounted to the hub, to an injection device that has a needle mounting surface disposed thereon, the tool comprising:

- a. a cylindrical storage member having elongated cavities complementary in size and shape to the pen needle assembly, the cavities arranged radially in the cylindrical member so as to allow the tool to rotate about an axis of rotation that is concentric with the cavity's longitudinal axis;
- b. a rotatable cover mounted on the storage member having a cylindrical wall and having an opening that allows access to one cavity at a time;
- c. a removeably sterility barrier sealing the cavities;

wherein:

the height of the cylindrical member and cover are sized so as to allow a user to grasp the tool in one hand and to rotate the tool in one hand 360 degrees about the axis of rotation while simultaneously allowing the user to rotate the injection device 360 degrees in an other hand, wherein when the tool is grasped in the hand of a user, the majority of rotational force applied to the tool occurs at a distance displaced away from the axis of rotation of the tool, thereby maximizing the rotational force on the pen needle assembly;

d. The tool of claim 1, further comprising a means for preventing rotation of the pen needle assembly when the pen needle assembly is disposed in a cavity.

20. (New) The tool of claim 1, further comprising a means for preventing rotation of the cover over the same opening more than once.

21. (New) A method of mounting a pen needle assembly, which comprises a hub and needle cannula mounted to the hub, to an injection device that has a needle mounting surface disposed thereon, the method comprising the steps of:

→ obtaining a tool that comprises

- a. cylindrical storage member having elongated cavities complementary in size and shape to the pen needle assembly, the cavities arranged radially in the cylindrical member so as to allow the tool to rotate about an axis of rotation that is concentric with the cavity's longitudinal axis;
- b. a rotatable cover mounted on the storage member having a cylindrical wall and having an opening that allows access to one cavity at a time;
- c. a removeably sterility barrier sealing the cavities;

wherein:

the diameter of the cylindrical member and the cover is substantially larger than the height of the cylindrical member and cover, respectively;

the height of the cylindrical member and cover are sized so as to allow a user to grasp and rotate the tool in one hand 360 degrees about the axis of rotation while simultaneously allowing the user to rotate the injection device 360 degrees in an other hand, wherein when the tool is grasped in the hand of a user, the majority of rotational force applied to the tool occurs at a distance displaced away from the axis of rotation of the tool, thereby maximizing the rotational force on the pen needle assembly;

→ removing the sterility barrier;

→ grasping the tool in one hand and the injection device in another;

→ rotating the tool 360 degrees

→ rotating the injection device 360 degrees;

wherein the grasping of the tool occurs at a distance displaced away from the axis of rotation of the tool so as to maximize the rotational force on the pen needle assembly.

22. (New) A needle storage and mounting apparatus for storing a plurality of pen needles and mounting one of the needles onto an injection device, the apparatus comprising:

a cylindrical body having radial cavities complementary in shape to the pen needles;

a cylindrical cover having one opening for accessing one cavity at a time, the cover being rotatable so that the opening can be rotated over a cavity;

A means for preventing the opening in the cover from being rotated over the same opening more than once;

A means for preventing rotation of the pen needle while the needle is in the cavity;

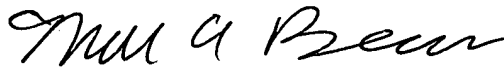
And wherein the apparatus has a height less than diameter and wherein the height is substantially greater than the diameter so that a user may grasp the apparatus in one hand, exert a rotational force on the apparatus at two points equidistant from the pen needle thereby maximizing the rotational force on the pen needle and assisting in screwing the pen needle onto the injection device.

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